

Lhao Vo language

Lhao Vo, also known as **Maru** and **Langsu** (Chinese: 浪速, Burmese: လန္ဒၢ်, is a Burmish language of Burma with a few thousand speakers in China.

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Native to	Myanmar, China
Native speakers	100,000 (1997) ^[1]
Language family	Sino-Tibetan <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ (Tibeto-Burman)▪ Lolo-Burmese▪ Burmish▪ Maruic▪ Lhao Vo
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	mhx
Glottolog	maru1249 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/maru1249) ^[2]

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Distribution

Dai Qingxia (2005:3) reports 5,600 Langsu speakers in China. Many thousands more are dispersed across the eastern edge of Kachin State, Burma.

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- Luxi City: Yingpan Township ယင်းဖန်မြို့နယ် 营盘乡
 - Lianghe County: Mengyang Township မယ်ညန်းနယ် 养乡
 - Longchuan County: Bangwai Township ဖန်ဝိုင်မြို့နယ် 邦外乡 and Jingkan Township ကျင်ခေါ်မြို့နယ် 景坎乡

[3] The Langsu people call themselves *lɔŋ'vɔŋ'* (Chinese: *Lang'e* 浪峨) (Dai 2003:3; Dai 2010:10)

Varieties

The standard Lhaovo dialect is that of the Dago' (*tăko?*) hill area, on the east side of N'Mai River valley in Kachin State.^[4]

Sawada (2017) lists the following patois (subvarieties) of Lhaovo.^[4]

- **Gyanno'** (autonym: *kjɛn 1no ? J*): spoken in the west side of the N'Mai River in Sawlaw Township.
 - **Tho'Ihang** (autonym: *t^ha? Jlɔ?*): spoken in Htawlang and a few other villages in northern Sawlaw Township.
 - **Lakin** (autonym: *lăkɛ -*): spoken in Lakin village, northern Sawlaw Township.

- **Lhangsu** (autonym: *ləŋ̥ Ysu Y*; not the same as Langsu 浪速 of Yunnan): spoken in the area between Hkrang Hka and Sanin Hka, which are two tributaries of the Mali Hka. It is spoken in Sumprabum Township, including in the villages of *Hting Tsa*, *N-gawk Hkyet*, and *Ma Awng*.

Langsong

The Langsong 浪宋 are found in Zaoyang 早阳^[5] in Yunlong County (in the Chinese province of Yunnan) as well as in Baocun 表村,^[6] Laomo 老末, and Sancha 三岔.^{[7][8]} They reportedly speak a highly endangered language that may be possibly related to Langsu.

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External links

- Consonant Ear Training and Tones (<http://hdl.handle.net/10106/5598>)
- Maru fieldwork of John Okell from 1969 (<https://digital.soas.ac.uk/maru>)
- Lhaovo language site (<http://www.lhaovo.co>)

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